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Applicants: Mel MacAllister et al.
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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- 1) a Petition to Contend Omitted Items Were Deposited;
- 2) a true copy of the application return postcard;
- 3) a Declaration of Applicants' attorney;
- 4) a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- 5) a signed Inventors' Declaration;
- 6) a replacement drawing sheet containing Figs. 7-10;
- 7) a check in the amount of \$607 to cover the Petition fee of \$130, the filing fee of \$411 and the surcharge fee of \$65; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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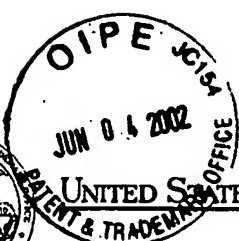
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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01 FC:201	370.00 DP
02 FC:202	42.00 DP
03 FC:205	65.00 DP

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$42.
 - \$42 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 477.

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 7-10 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date must be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

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In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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